

A Report on

“Inspiring Civil Service Aspirants: An Interview with IAS Topper Mr. Sandeep Bada on Perseverance, Preparation, and Public Service”

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Introduction

MITs Community Radio 90.8 conducted an insightful interview on April 18, 2026, with IAS Topper Mr. Sandeep Bada. The session aimed to inspire students and civil service aspirants by understanding the journey, challenges, and strategies behind achieving success in one of India’s most prestigious examinations—the Civil Services Examination.

The interaction provided valuable perspectives on perseverance, preparation strategies, mindset, and the broader role of civil servants in society. This report summarizes the key highlights of the interview and extracts meaningful lessons for students and youth.

Background of the Interviewee



Mr. Sandeep Bada shared his educational and personal journey, reflecting a disciplined and goal-oriented path:

- Completed schooling at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya
- Pursued graduation in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) from Bangalore
- Developed an interest in civil services and began preparation for IAS

His journey highlights that success is not immediate but requires sustained effort, adaptability, and resilience.

Journey Towards IAS Success

Attempts and Perseverance

One of the most powerful aspects of the interview was his honesty about failure:

- Failed in the first five attempts
- Achieved success in the 6th attempt

This emphasizes that persistence is a critical factor in competitive exams. His journey reflects that setbacks are stepping stones rather than obstacles.

Coaching and Guidance

Mr. Sandeep mentioned that:

- He did not rely heavily on formal coaching
- Instead, he took guidance from mentors



This indicates that mentorship, self-study, and strategic preparation can be equally effective as formal coaching.

Key Success Factors

According to Mr. Sandeep Bada, the core elements behind his success include:

Dedication and Commitment

Consistency in preparation and a focused approach were essential to his achievement.

Fearless Mindset

He advised students to:

- Overcome fear
- Stay confident during preparation

Action-Oriented Approach

Planning alone is insufficient; execution plays a critical role.

Immense Faith

Belief in oneself and the process is crucial for long-term success.

Preparation Strategy for IAS Aspirants

Mr. Sandeep shared practical guidelines for students:

Importance of Current Affairs

- Staying updated with national and international events is essential
- Regular reading of newspapers and analysis is recommended

Social Awareness

- Understanding societal issues helps in both preparation and interviews

Interview Preparation

- Focus on awareness rather than rote learning
- Develop clarity of thought and communication skills

Motivation Behind Choosing IAS

Mr. Sandeep explained his motivation:

- Initially chose IAS as an opportunity to explore
- Later realized its importance in authority and social responsibility

This reflects a transformation from curiosity to commitment toward public service.

Role of an IAS Officer in Society

He emphasized two key responsibilities:

Education Development

Improving access and quality of education

Eradication of Poverty

Working towards inclusive growth and social welfare

These priorities highlight the broader impact of civil servants on nation-building.

Message to Youth



Mr. Sandeep delivered a strong message to the younger generation:

- Today's youth are highly capable, especially in the AI-driven era
- They should focus on one goal with full dedication
- Utilize available support systems effectively

His message encourages clarity, focus, and smart utilization of resources.

On behalf of MITS Community Radio 90.8, the Program Manager expressed sincere gratitude to Mr. Sandeep Bada for sharing his valuable insights, experiences, and guidance with students and listeners.

Conclusion

The interview with IAS Topper Mr. Sandeep Bada serves as a powerful source of inspiration for students and aspirants. His journey reflects resilience, dedication, and clarity of purpose. The discussion not only highlights strategies for cracking the IAS exam but also underscores the importance of contributing to society through responsible governance.

MITS Community Radio 90.8 successfully created a platform that bridges the gap between



achievers and aspirants, fostering motivation and awareness among students.

Key Outcomes of the Interview

Outcome 1: Understanding the Value of Persistence

Students learn that success may require multiple attempts, and failure is part of the journey.

Outcome 2: Importance of Strategic Preparation

Focus on current affairs, social awareness, and consistent effort is essential.

Outcome 3: Inspiration for Public Service

The interview motivates youth to pursue careers that contribute to societal development.

Alignment with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

The insights from the interview align with several SDGs:

SDG 4: Quality Education

- Emphasis on education as a tool for empowerment
- Encourages informed and knowledgeable citizens

SDG 1: No Poverty

- Focus on poverty eradication through administrative roles

SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

- IAS officers play a key role in governance and institutional strength

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

- Encouraging aspirants to pursue meaningful and impactful careers